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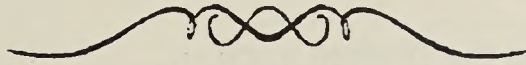
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## Shadow Maker



"Agawateshkam,"  
she explains, "was his Indian name.  
Shadow Maker."

S.Maker I write on the police report:  
911 from the Red Lake Bar...  
Threats...battery...  
Shards of glass...  
Exit wound beneath the shoulder.

She tucks a cloth pouch under his bedsheet,  
Hums softly.  
One tear glistens.

"He played the flute," she says.  
"Write on your paper that  
He changed air into music.  
Kawininawa, Agawateshkam."

By: David McGrath

*"Civilization is just a  
slow process of learning  
to be kind."  
- Charles L. Lucas*

## MY RING FINGER DOESN'T GO ANYWHERE

"And then back to D."  
"Notice my ring finger doesn't go anywhere."  
He's a fine guitar teacher, even a bit sexy.  
Toes bounce up and down  
Nodding around the room.  
I study aloud  
And my ring finger doesn't go anywhere either,  
But his keeps still  
Because he wants it that way.

By: Jenny McBride

